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CLEANING WINDOWS, MIRRORS, OTHER GLASS

- Clean windows let in more light.
- It's easier to see through clean windows.

TO CLEAN WINDOWS

Dust windows, window frames, and sills with a soft, clean cloth.

Wash the windows when they look dirty or streaked.

Use one of the following to make your windows sparkling clean:

1. Two tablespoons of household ammonia to 2 quarts of warm water—good for getting rid of heavy dirt and grime (Fig. 1),

OR

2. Two to four tablespoons of vinegar to 2 quarts of warm water,

OR

3. Commercial sprays that clean glass without water. Follow the directions on the bottle or can, BUT, remember, these sprays are more expensive. You can do just as good a job with ammonia or vinegar and water.

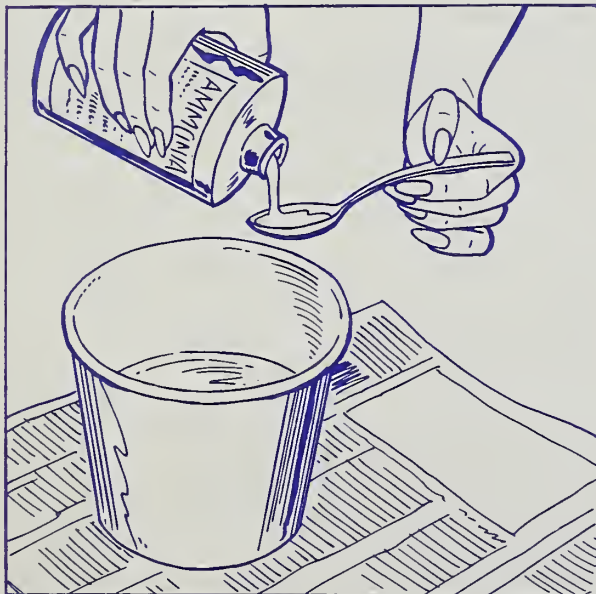


Fig. 1

Get a pail of warm water ready. Add vinegar or ammonia.

Put some old newspapers on a chair or the floor near the window you are going to wash. Put the pail of water on the papers.

Get window shades, blinds, and curtains out of the way. Fig. 2

Wipe the glass with a damp cloth first to get rid of the worst dirt, when the windows are very dirty.

Wet a sponge or soft cloth with the vinegar- or ammonia-water.

Use the sponge or cloth to wash one pane of glass at a time.

Wash top window panes first so dirty water won't drip on newly washed parts. Wash each pane of glass, going back and forth or up and down. Be sure to get into the corners. Rub the glass with a clean dry cloth, crumpled newspapers, or paper towels to make it dry and shiny.

Wash window frames and sills with a damp cloth and dry them. You may want to wax the sills when they are clean.

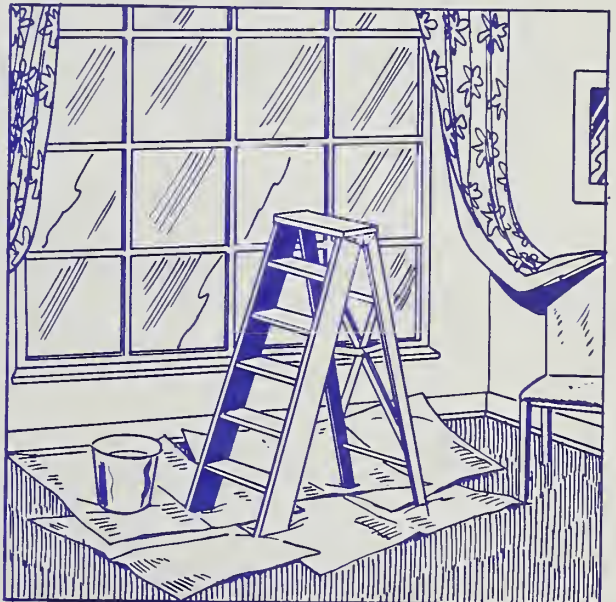


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



Fig. 4

SPECIAL HINTS

Clean mirrors and picture glass the same way you wash windows. Do not use too much cleaning mixture. Strong solutions can hurt the back of mirrors.

Keep water from getting inside the frame of pictures and framed mirrors. Hold a piece of heavy paper or cardboard against the frame on the inside edge. (Fig. 3)

Be careful when you wash windows that are high off the ground.

Never lean out of a window. Never stand outside on a window sill to wash the window. Stand on a stepladder to reach high windows. (Fig. 4) Use a step-stool or sturdy chair if you don't have a ladder. Always use a stepladder or step-stool to reach high places. It's OK to stand on a chair, but *never* put a box or books on a chair to make it higher.

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